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STATE SUPERINTENDENT

June 4, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman

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SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Honoring the 2013-2014 Michigan Teacher of the Year

Attached is a resolution in honor of the 2013-2014 Michigan Teacher of the Year, Gary G. Abud, Jr., who represented Michigan teachers during the 2013-2014 school year.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated June 4, 2014, honoring the 2013-2014 Michigan Teacher of the Year.

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RESOLUTION

Gary G. Abud, Jr.

2013-2014 MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Gary G. Abud, Jr., received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy from Wayne State University and a Master's of Arts in Teaching from Saginaw Valley State University; and

WHEREAS, Gary G. Abud, Jr., has been a science teacher for four years at Grosse Pointe High School; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education honored Gary G. Abud, Jr., as the 2013-2014 Michigan Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Gary G. Abud, Jr., has shared his passion for innovative professional development through professional learning networks; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Abud, Jr., has shared his enthusiasm for providing authentic project-based learning experiences for students as the Michigan Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Abud, Jr., has recognized the importance of students as digitally responsive and collaborative citizens; and

WHEREAS, Gary G. Abud, Jr., has served as 2012 Michigan Science Teacher of Promise of the Michigan Science Teachers Association, the 2009 Toyota Tapestry Award recipient from the National Science Teachers Association, and has received the Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Education Award from the Network of Michigan Educators; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has continually supported teachers with several quality initiatives, including the Michigan Teacher of the Year Program and the Milken National Educator Award; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Gary G. Abud, Jr., and the thousands of educators in the great State of Michigan for their outstanding work; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education supports all efforts, training, and resources available to our state's educators so that they may continue to educate and positively influence the children of today as they become the leaders of tomorrow.